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SERVICE OF THE WORD

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How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the
 2 "Fear not! I am with you. Oh, be not dis -
 3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re -
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall
 5 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall

Lord, Is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent
 mayed; For I am your God and will still give you
 pose I will not, I will not, de - sert to his
 lie, My grace all - suf - fi - cient shall be your sup -
 prove My sov' - reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble

Word! What more can he say than to you he has
 aid; I'll streng - then you, help you, and cause you to
 foes. That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to
 ply. The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de -
 love, And then, when gray hair shall their tem - ples a -

said Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 stand, Up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
 shake, I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!
 sign Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.
 dorn, Like lambs they shall still on my shoul - ders be borne."

The beloved words of this hymn are wed to its traditional American melody.

INVOCATION

M: The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.


C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless way I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C:  *Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Blessed are they who take refuge in him.
Your Word, O Lord, is eternal,
it stands firm in the heavens.
Your faithfulness continues forever.
Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Blessed are they who take refuge in him.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O God, you rule over all things in wisdom and kindness. Take away everything that may be harmful and give us whatever is good; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C:  **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON-*Deuteronomy 11:18-21, 26-28*

¹⁸ Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ¹⁹ Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ²⁰ Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates, ²¹ so that your days and the days of your children may be many in the land the Lord swore to give your ancestors, as many as the days that the heavens are above the earth.

²⁶ See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse— ²⁷ the blessing if you obey the commands of the Lord your God that I am giving you today; ²⁸ the curse if you disobey the commands of the Lord your God and turn from the way that I command you today by following other gods, which you have not known.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: PSALM 78

Refrain:

Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

O my people, hear my teaching;
listen to the words of my mouth.

I will utter things from of old,
what we have heard and what our fathers have told us.

We will not hide them from our children;
we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord.

Refrain

The Lord decreed statutes for Jacob
and established the law in Israel,

so the next generation would know them
and they in turn would tell their children.

Then they would put their trust in God
and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,**
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON-Matthew 7:15-29

¹⁵ “Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. ¹⁶ By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thorn bushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

²¹ “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’ ²³ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’

²⁴ “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. ²⁶ But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

²⁸ When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, ²⁹ because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. Alleluia.

C:  ***Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

***These words are written that we may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.***

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL LESSON- *Romans 3:21-25a, 27, 28*

²¹ But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. ²² This righteousness is given through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. ²⁵ God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished.

²⁷ Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith. ²⁸ For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *284 How Precious Is the Book Divine*

1. How precious is the Book divine, By inspiration giv'n!
Bright as a lamp its doctrines shine To guide our souls to heav'n.
2. Its light, descending from above Our gloomy world to cheer,
Displays a Savior's boundless love And brings his glories near.
3. It shows to us our wand'ring ways And where our feet have trod
But brings to view the matchless grace Of a forgiving God.
4. This lamp through all the dreary night Of life shall guide our way
Till we behold the clearer light Of an eternal day.

SERMON

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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PRAYERS

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours now and forever. Amen.**

Lamb of God

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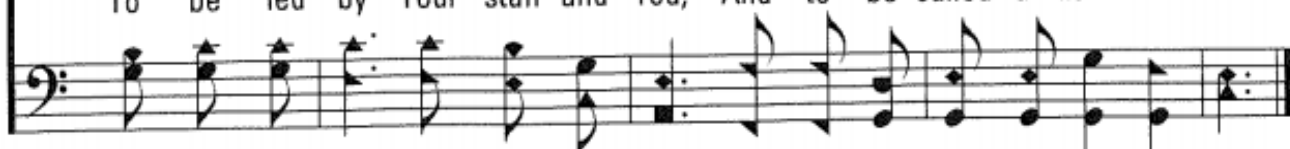


1. Your on - ly Son no sin to hide, But You have sent Him from Your side
2. Your gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and scorned Him as He died,
3. I was so lost I should have died, But You have brought me to Your side



FINE

To walk up - on this guilt - y sod And to be - come the Lamb of God.
The hum - ble King they named a fraud And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
To be led by Your staff and rod, And to be called a Lamb of God.



D.C. - O wash me in His pre - cious blood, My Je - sus Christ the Lamb of God.
St. 3 - O wash me in His pre - cious blood, Till I am just a lamb of God.

REFRAIN

D.S.



O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God.



CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

M: O Lord, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C:  **Amen.**

M: Brothers and sisters,
Go in peace.
Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

M: *The Lord* bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

C:  **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

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May the Peace of God

1 May the peace of God our heav'n - ly Fa -
 ther, And the grace of Christ the ris - en
 Son, are, And this fel - low-ship of God the
 And this fel - low-ship of his Com -
 mun - ion Keep our hearts and minds with - in his
 Make us one in spir - it and in
Refrain
 love. heart. And to him be praise for his
 glo - rious reign From the depths of earth to the
 heights of heav'n. We de - clare the name of the
 Lamb once slain - Christ e - ter - nal, the King of
 kings.
 2 May this kings.

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IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL

June 18th at 7:00 PM